

TAINT OF BLOOD TO SHOCK MRS. HALL

Simpson Calls on Expert at Trial Of Accused Today

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her poise since that day four years ago when the bodies were found under the crabapple tree on the Phillips farm—how she has never wavered in all that time.

Made Court Horror Chamber

But Simpson has been working along those lines for three days now. Nobody can believe that he had any other purpose in mind when he entered so gruesomely into the description of the death wounds. With a model of a human head and neck, with questions directed to bring out every terrible detail of the murders, the prosecutor changed this tiny court room into a medieval chamber of horrors.

And all the time he watched the woman whose life he is seeking—watched her as a cat watches a mouse! Saw her avert her eyes from the witness stand for the first time! Saw her bowed head and flushed face as he—diabolically, it seemed—moved an electric light so



Barbara Tough Louise G. Riehl

that the model of plaster and wood took on the appearance of a human head and a human throat—her husband's head, her husband's head, her husband's throat; then the appearance and head of the woman who robbed her of love; the throat of this woman, which was slashed so unmercifully.

Unkindest Cut to Come

The medical testimony was horrible enough! Seared cruelty enough into the soul of the gray-haired, white-faced woman! Bit meanly enough at her heavy heart!

But if she suffered under that

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scourge it will be as nothing compared to the agony of hearing her feeble-minded brother called a negro.

The finger of shame will point not only at Willie but at either Mrs. Hall's mother or father. The insinuation is—it can be nothing else—that one of the proud and haughty Stevens parents sinned grievously.

And the Stevenses were the Stevenses of North Carolina—one of those old families who dislike the colored race. And Willie has the bushy, kinky hair, the thick lips and other facial characteristics of a negro.

Prof. George A. Dorsey, formerly of Northwestern University, is the ethnologist who takes the stand against the eccentric defendant. Defense attorneys will fight bitterly to exclude his testimony.

Says He Has Eyewitness

Rivalling in interest the charge of negro blood against Willie was Simpson's assertion that he had found a woman in New York who witnessed the killing of the rector and his sweetheart.

This woman, whose name the prosecution is keeping secret, is known to the New York police, and they have promised Simpson to

turn her over to him. She is alleged to have been kept silent this long because she feared her character would be ruined. Her conscience bothering her, she finally wrote to a newspaper and revealed part of her story.

She was in the lane on the night of September 14, 1922, and saw Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills in their clandestine meeting, Simpson said.

The minister, according to the new witness, saw a man and a woman approaching the trysting place, and with an agonized cry, "My God, it's Mrs. Hall and Willie!" placed his hand over the mouth of his companion so that she would not cry out and reveal their presence.

The prosecutor admits that neither he nor his detectives have yet talked with the informant, but was confident that he had obtained a most valuable witness, and not one of those cranks who write letters of confession to newspapers simply for the mad pleasure they derive from such actions.

Case Against Lo Russell

The state was adding to its case against Mrs. Nellie Lo Russell, negress, who swears the "pig woman" was at her home when the state's star witness says she was in De Russes Lane.

"We have found a witch book," Senator Simpson said, "that belonged to Nellie Russell, which had several marked passages. It looks as though the negress was trying to mystify or cast a spell over Mrs. Gibson."

Today the prosecutor intends to recall Barbara Tough to the stand. Barbara is the former upstairs maid in the Hall home who on Thursday told of once interrupting Mrs. Mills on Dr. Hall's lap, and who testified to the presence of a razor in the Hall home, a "bit shorter" than the one which the state contends slashed the choir singer's throat.

The servant also related how Mrs. Hall gave her a pair of socks to wash for Dr. Hall before the

bodies were found—the socks in which he later was buried. She swore to a telephone conversation on the day after the slayings, quoting Mrs. Hall as telling the person at the other end of the wire that the rector was "out of town."

Louise Geist Riehl, also a Hall maid at the time of the murders,

will be another witness. The investigation which has ended in the trial began after Miss Geist's husband instituted a separation action against her, charging that she had received \$5,000 to maintain silence on what she knew of the murders.

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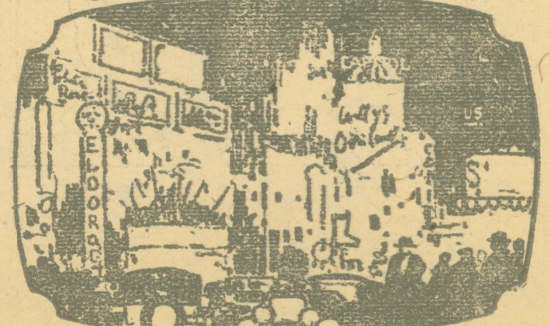
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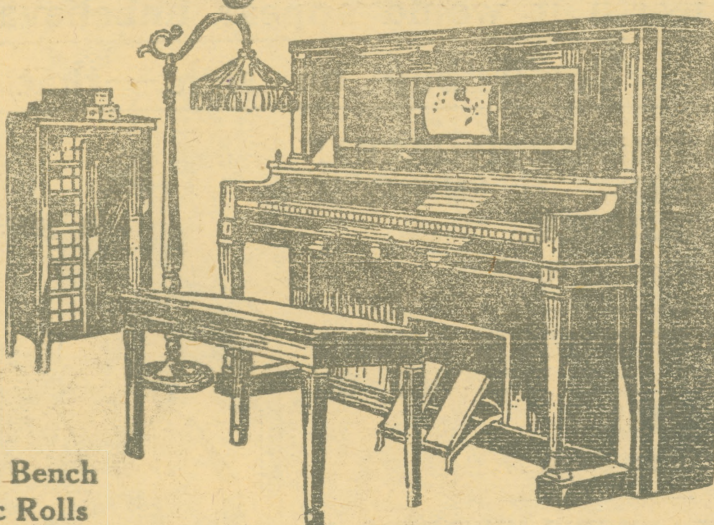
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